

Remarks

Claims 1-40 remain in the application.

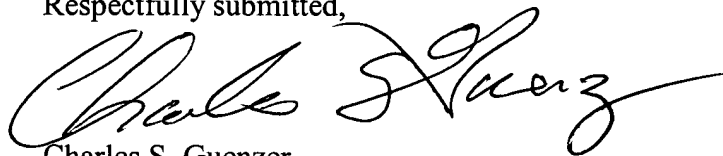
This amendment is in response to the final rejection dated March 19, 2004. The response filed April 23, 2004 responded to the non-final rejection dated March 9, 2004 and not to the final rejection of March 19, 2004. That response included several claim amendments and new claims as well as arguments for the allowability of the claims.

No further amendments or arguments are made now. The arguments presented in the prior response are reiterated without being repeated and the Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejections.

In view of the above reference prior amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number, which is on California time.

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